

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants extend their appreciation to Examiner Culbreth for his courtesy in conducting the telephone interview with Applicants' representative on December 20, 2004. During the interview, Examiner Culbreth and Applicants' representative discussed the deficiencies in the previous-filed Reissue declaration. Applicants' representative indicated that a Substitute Declaration incorporating the Examiner's suggestions would be filed.

Claims 1-19 and 22-33 were rejected as being based upon a defective Reissue Declaration. The Substitute Declaration submitted herewith includes the specific language suggested in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2, the Office Action objects to the Reissue Declaration for failing to identify at least one error that is relied upon to support the reissue application. In particular, the Office Action provides that the errors listed in the specification are not enough. The Substitute Reissue Declaration submitted herewith references specific limitations in the form of specific claim language and identifies specific changes or amendments to the claims. Additionally, differences between the new claims and the original claims are pointed out.

Applicants thus respectfully submit that the Reissue Declaration is proper and that the application is in condition for allowance.

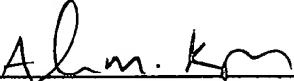
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Prompt passage to issuance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Substitute Reissue Declaration